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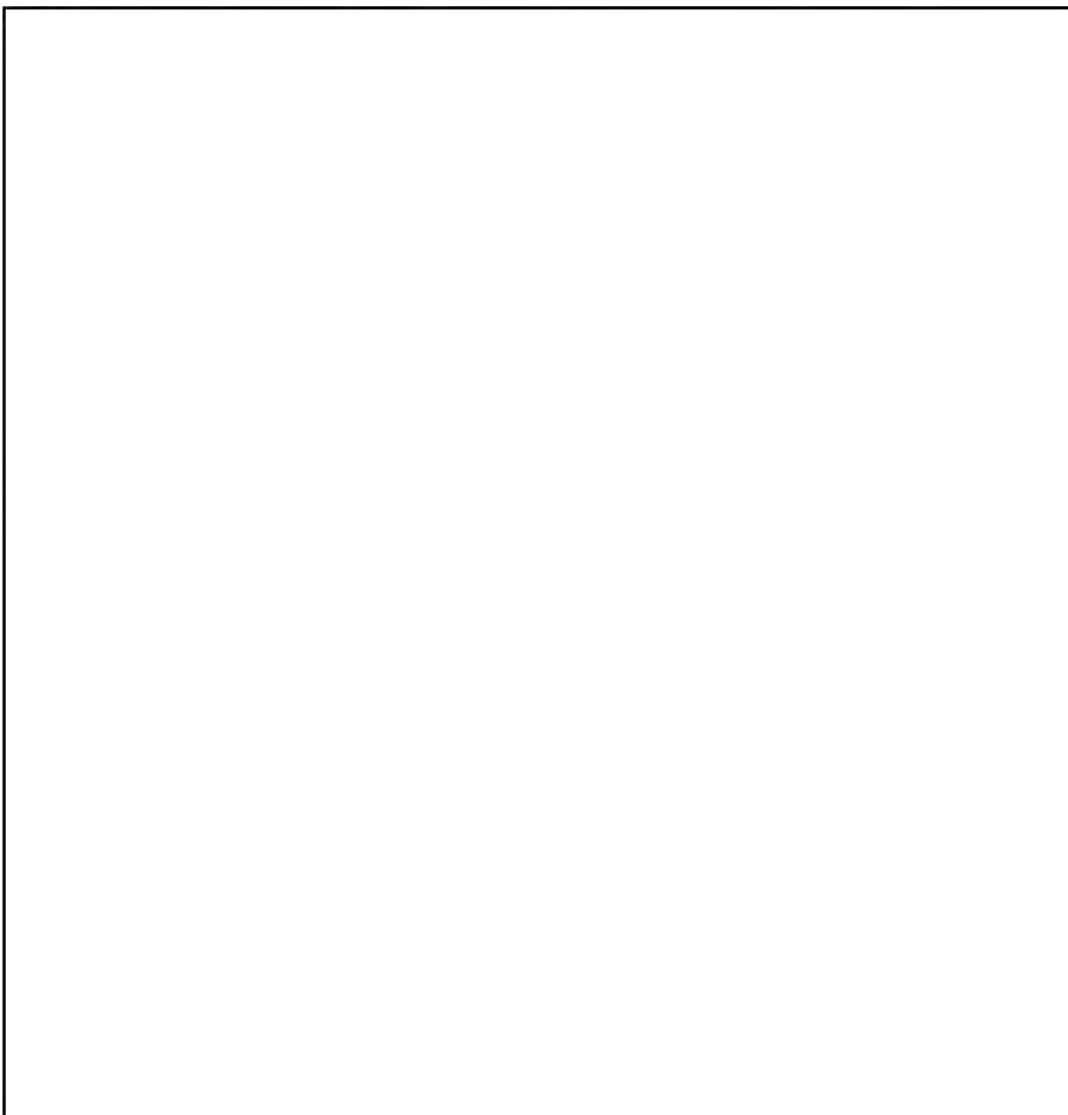
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CHILE: Relations are worsening between President Allende and the powerful Communist Party, until now his most reliable support.

Communist leaders' irritation at Allende is not new, but it has recently reached serious proportions over several events, [REDACTED]

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The Communists resent the president's failure to consult the UP on his recent appointment of an army general to the cabinet, although they approve the minister's qualifications. They are also galled by Allende's persistent overtures to the extremist Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) to join the UP even though it is challenging UP candidates and policies in vital political arenas including labor, the university, and propaganda.

Reflecting their close ties to Moscow, Communist leaders reportedly castigated Allende's speech to the current UNCTAD meeting in Santiago as weak, especially because he failed to mention the financial support to his government from Communist countries. Since the chief Communist tactic for consolidating UP power is the rapid extension of economic control, the party is impatient with the president's delay in imposing the nationalization program in the face of opposition legislation. This is the first strong indication that the Chilean Communists, although they prefer a gradualist strategy, may be finding serious flaws in Allende's execution of the UP program to build a socialist state.

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